

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In the treatment of inflammatory disease in a warm-blooded animal, the improvement which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III to said animal.
2. In the treatment of neurodegenerative disease in a warm-blooded animal, the improvement which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III to said animal.
3. In the treatment of neoplastic disease in a warm-blooded animal, the improvement which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III to said animal.
4. The method as recited in claim 1 where in the compound of formula III R_1 is COOH, R_2 and R_3 are together as a double bond, and R_4 and R_5 are each Acetyl.
5. The method as recited in claim 2 where in the compound of formula III R_1 is COOH, R_2 and R_3 are together as a double bond, and R_4 and R_5 are each Acetyl.
6. The method as recited in claim 3 where in the compound of formula III R_1 is COOH, R_2 and R_3 are together as a double bond, and R_4 and R_5 are each Acetyl.